



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

August 19, 1988

William R. McKown  
Acting City Administrator  
City of Carson  
P.O. Box 6234  
Carson, CA 90749

Re: Your Request For Advice  
Our File No. A-88-276

Dear Mr. McKown:

You have requested advice about application of Section 89001 of the Political Reform Act (the "Act")<sup>1/</sup>, as amended by recently enacted Proposition 73, to the City of Carson monthly report.

## QUESTIONS

You asked the following questions about the January and June 1988 copies of the City of Carson monthly report entitled "The Carson Report."

1. May the city publish portrait photographs of its elected officials in the monthly report?
2. May the city publish group photographs of the city's elected officials in the report, if the officials are not identified by name?
3. May the city publish a feature article introducing a newly appointed councilmember?

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<sup>1/</sup> Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated. Commission regulations appear at 2 California Code of Regulations Section 18000, et seq. All references to regulations are to Title 2, Division 6 of the California Code of Regulations.

4. Is there a difference between a report being mailed at public expense and being delivered at public expense?

#### CONCLUSIONS

The city may not publish photographs of or otherwise refer to elected officers in the city's monthly report or in any other mass mailing. This prohibition includes publishing group photographs in which elected city officers are not identified by name. Furthermore, for purposes of the Act a person appointed to a vacant elective office is an elected officer. Therefore, the city may not publish a feature article about a newly appointed councilmember.

Nevertheless, the city may list the names of elected officers in a standard roster-type listing, as long as names of all elected officers are in the same type size and typeface.

The Commission also has concluded that a public agency may not send a mass mailing in any way that results in expenditure of public moneys. Delivering a document is a form of sending a document. Therefore, the city may not spend public moneys to deliver mass mailings that contain the name, signature, or photograph of an elected officer.

#### FACTS

The City of Carson publishes a monthly report entitled "The Carson Report." On the address page of the January 1988 report, the city published captioned portrait photographs of the city's seven elected officers: five councilmembers, the city clerk and city treasurer.

The June 1988 report had several references to elected city officers. That issue's front-page feature article introduced a newly appointed member of the city council; the article included a large portrait photograph of the official. Inside the report, three different group photographs showed several councilmembers, who were identified by name in the captions. Finally, the address page had captioned portrait photographs of the city's seven elected officers.

#### ANALYSIS

California electors enacted Proposition 73 in June 1988. Proposition 73 includes amendments to Sections 89001 and

82041.5 of the Act. These amendments took effect on June 8, 1988.

Section 89001 now reads:

89001. No newsletter or other mass mailing shall be sent at public expense.

Section 82041.5 now reads:

82041.5. "Mass mailing" means two hundred or more substantially similar pieces of mail, but does not include a form letter or other mail which is sent in response to an unsolicited request, letter or other inquiry.

These two sections could be construed to ban all mailings at public expense of 200 or more substantially similar documents. On July 26, 1988, however, the Commission adopted an emergency regulation and approved interim advice that allows public agencies to send certain mass mailings at public expense. (Regulation 18901; Raye Advice Letters, No. A-88-220, copies enclosed.) In the following paragraphs we apply emergency Regulation 18901 and the interim advice letters to the monthly reports published by the City of Carson.

#### Prohibition Against Spending Public Moneys To Promote Elected Officials

After considering ballot arguments in favor of Proposition 73, statements by the proponents of the proposition, and the language of amended Section 89001, the Commission concluded that the intent of Section 89001 is to prohibit the use of public moneys for the purpose of sending out mass mailings which assist elected officials in the quest for public office. (Raye Advice Letter, No. A-88-220, June 16, 1988.). Therefore, any reference to an elected officer is prohibited in a public agency newsletter sent to 200 or more persons in a calendar month, except in the standard letterhead or in a roster-type listing in which each elected officer's name appears in the same type size and typeface as the other officers. (See emergency Regulation 18901; Raye Advice Letter, No. A-88-220, July 1, 1988.)

Consequently, the city may not publish portrait or group photographs of elected officers in the monthly report, even if the captions do not identify the officers by name. Also, Section 82020 defines an elected officer to include "a person who is appointed to fill a vacant elective office...." Thus, a

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newly appointed councilmember is an elected officer for purposes of the Act. Therefore, the city cannot publish and send a feature article about the newly appointed councilmember or use a photograph of the officer. (Also see Gonzalves Advice Letter, No. A-88-021, copy enclosed.) The city however, may list its elected officers in the standard letterhead or in a roster-type listing that uses the same type size and typeface for each officer.

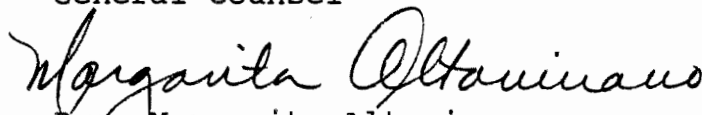
Sending A Mass Mailing

For the meantime, the Commission has concluded that Section 89001 prohibits a public agency from spending public moneys to distribute mass mailings that contain the names or photographs of elected officers. (Raye Advice Letter, No. A-88-220, July 1, 1988, at page 5.) The terms "sent" and "mailing" include delivering documents. (Raye Advice Letter, No. A-88-220, July 1, 1988, at page 6, footnote 4.) Therefore, the city may not use public moneys to pay for any type of delivery service to distribute a mass mailing containing the name or photograph of an elected officer.

I hope this letter provides satisfactory answers to your advice request. Please call me at (916) 322-5901 if you have any questions about this letter.

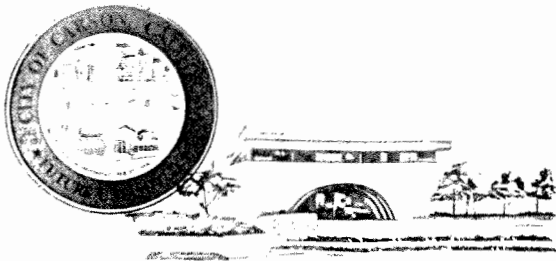
Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

  
By: Margarita Altamirano  
Counsel, Legal Division

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Enclosures



# CITY OF CARSON

July 12, 1988

Fair Political Practice Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, California 95814

Attention: Legal Division

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2. Are group pictures such as those in Report #2 dated June 1988 acceptable if Council names are deleted?
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4. Is there a FPPC distinction made between mailed at public expense and delivered at public expense.

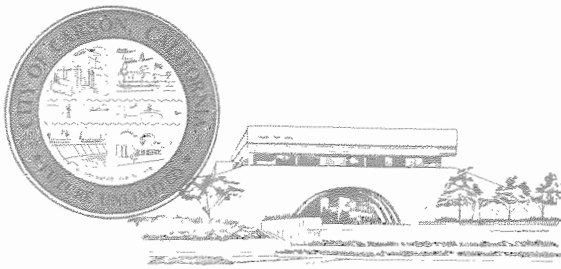
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# THE CARSON REPORT

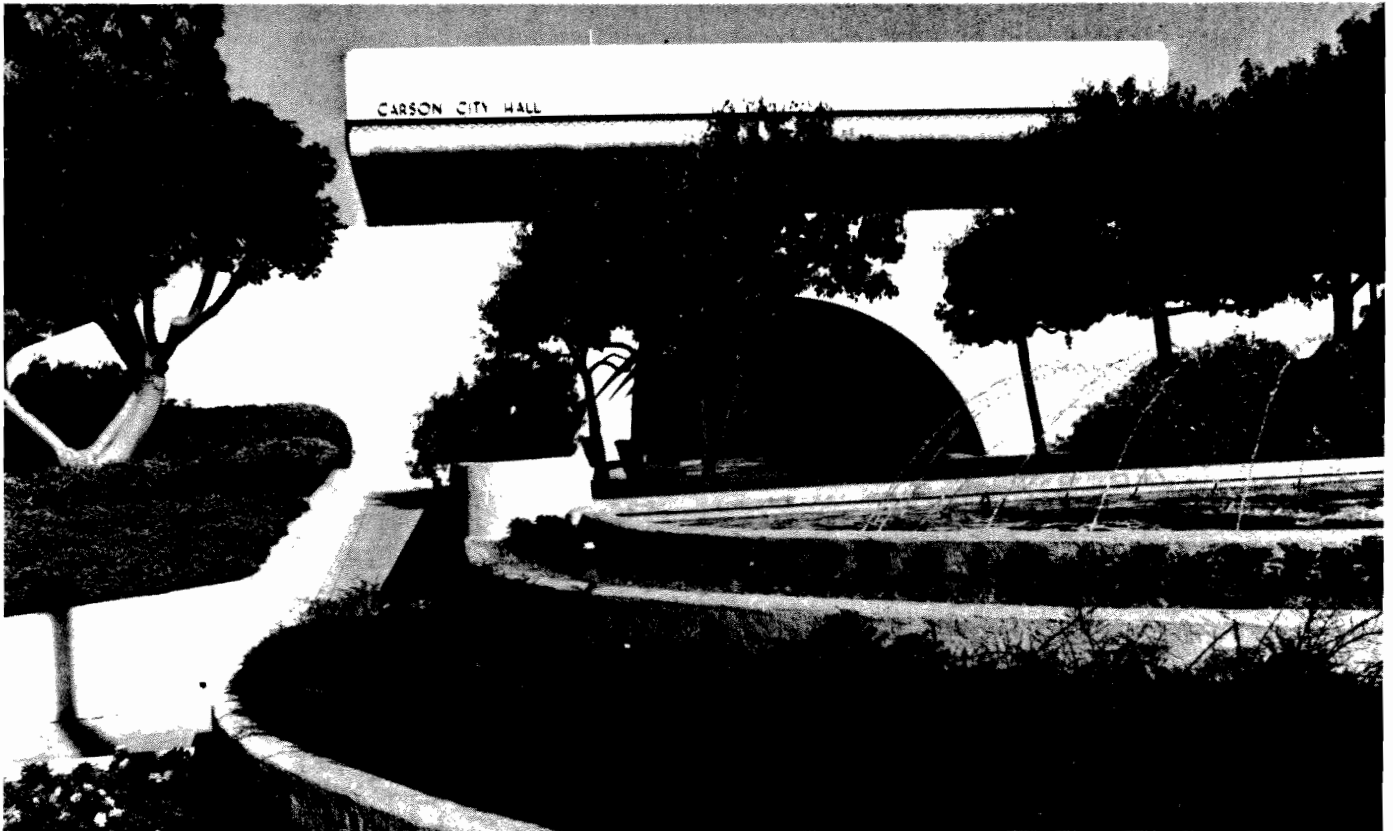
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## Carson City Government Reorganization—1988

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In an effort to provide the residents and taxpayers a more efficient and responsive City Government, the Carson City Council approved a total reorganization plan for city staff and services on December 7, 1987.

The proposed changes will begin in January, 1988, and will take approximately six to eight months to become totally operational.

The City Council in this consolidated effort desires to structure a City Government where citizen complaints and efficient responses go hand-in-hand. According to Councilmembers the reorganization will assist each resident in knowing who to contact if and when

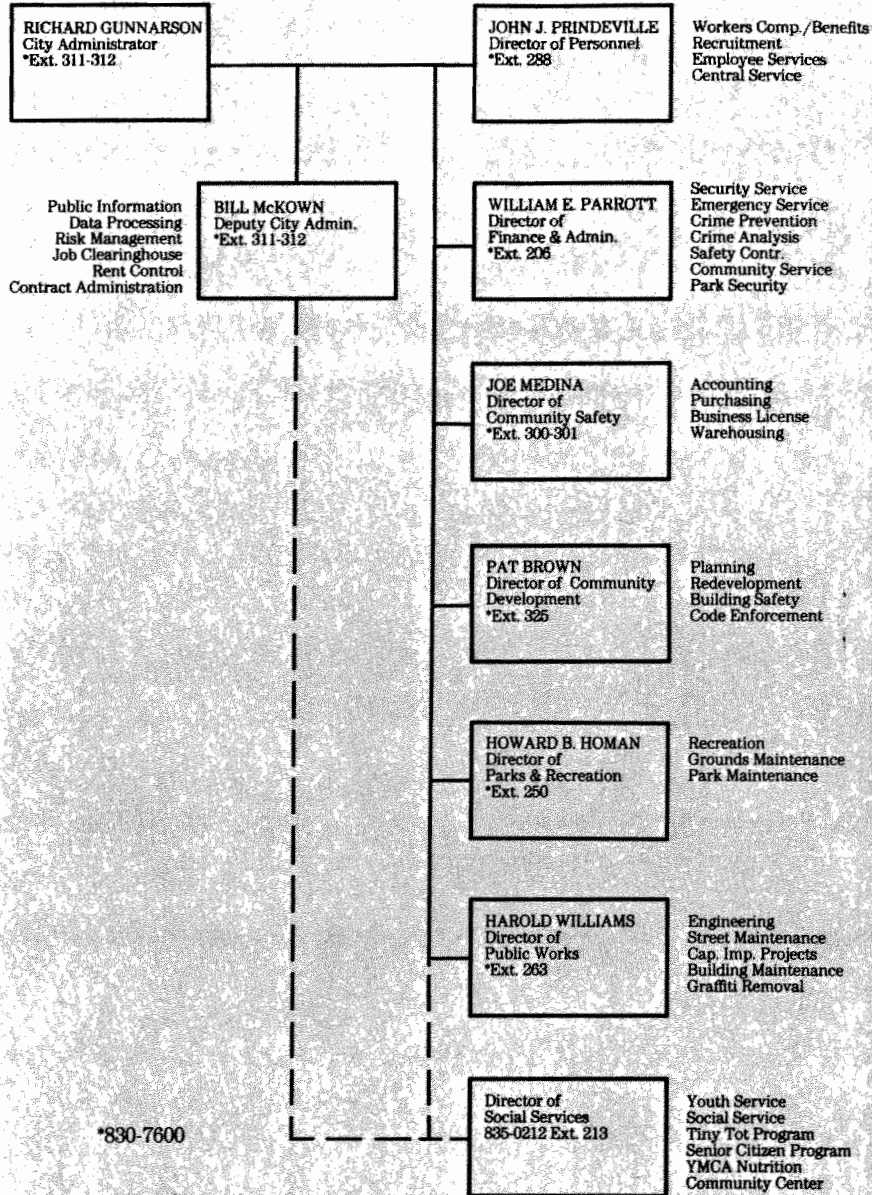
they feel there is a need for public service. Along with the Reorganization Chart, shown on the 2nd page of this Carson Report, are the appropriate names and telephone numbers of Administrators who supervise the activities.

This information will assist Carson citizens who need public services or information. Councilmembers felt that it is important to give the Government a general tune-up to make it more responsive to your present day needs. They hope you will keep this report available to assist you in receiving responsive services from Carson City Hall.

## City Council Changes Meeting Day And Time

Beginning January 5, 1988, City Council meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Don't be late because the time of the council meetings has also changed and will be starting a half an hour earlier, moving the meeting time from 6:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M., with the Redevelopment Agency meeting following at 7:30 P.M.

## City Reorganization—1988



## Remodeling Of City Hall's North Wing Complete



Remodeling to fire damaged City Hall is completed.

The Carson City Council has announced that work has been completed on Carson City Hall's north wing, which was heavily damaged, as a result of a fire early in 1987. The reconstruction of the north wing was completed in eight months, and city officials say that repairs will begin on the rest of the damaged City Hall within 60 days.

North wing, which was remodeled to resemble its pre-fire structure, was open to bids for reconstruction. Damage estimates on the section, which began at \$500,000, ran well over \$1,000,000. Additionally, the rest of City Hall must be repainted and damaged ceiling tiles replaced.

The fire, which caused over \$1 million in total damage, was set by an arsonist who broke in through a window in the north wing's Community Development Department. The blaze which caused not only the extensive damage also suspended city operations for one week.



An arsonists fire caused \$1,000,000 in damage to the north wing of City Hall.



## City Crowns New Miss Carson



*Camille Tucker, a UCLA student, receives her crown after winning the recent Miss Carson pageant competition. Shown with her in the picture are (from left to right) Miss California Simone Stephens; Tucker: the outgoing Miss Carson, Bridget Anita Jones; and Cynthia Simpson, first runner-up. Not shown is Connie Howard, second runner-up and Kally Lewis, Miss Congeniality.*

The new Miss Carson Camille Tucker, a UCLA student, received a \$1,000 scholarship and will be making many public appearances as requested by the city or the chamber of commerce. She has also earned the right to compete for the Miss California title in San Diego on June 13, 1988.

The queen's court includes 1st runner up Cynthia Symphson, who received a \$500 scholarship, and 2nd runner up Connie Howard, who received a \$300 scholarship. In addition to receiving scholarships, the Queen and her court also received memberships to the IMB Academy Martial Arts and Fitness Center. Kally Lewis, who was chosen by the participants in the pageant to be Miss Congeniality, received a trophy and a \$200 scholarship.

The Miss Carson Pageant, presented by the Carson Chamber of Commerce and the City of Carson, is the preliminary to the Miss California/Miss America Pageant (a scholarship pageant). This year's pageant was held at the Carson Community Center on November 22, 1987, when twelve young ladies competed for the title of Miss Carson.

Contestants were judged in four areas of competition, which included an interview (7½ minutes in duration), swim suit, and evening gown and talent competition.

The Miss Carson Pageant has been in existence since the incorporation of the City in 1968, but was not franchised with the Miss California/Miss America Pageant until July 1985.

The Pageant's purpose is to distribute money to young ladies wishing to further their education. This is achieved through the awarding of scholarships to not only the new queen and her court but to all of the participants for their involvement in the pageant. This year each girl received a \$100 scholarship for her participation in the pageant.

Plaques of appreciation were awarded to corporate sponsors for their participation in the pageant. Among those present were John Moyer of the Shell Oil Company, Howard Duffy of the Carson #438 Moose Lodge, and Richard S. Bustello of IMB Academy Martial Arts and Fitness Center. Also present was the President of the Miss California Pageant, Robert Arnheim.

## Free Tax Program For Elderly And Disabled

The Senior Social Services Department is offering assistance to Seniors and the disabled in filling out state and federal tax returns.

The tax counseling program is co-sponsored by the City of Carson, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Franchise Tax Board. Last year, the program helped an estimated 400 people in filling out state and federal tax returns.

The program is staffed by trained volunteers and is offered free of charge.

For further information about the program please contact the Carson Senior Social Services at 801 E. Carson Street, or call 835-0212, ext. 203 or 208.

## Council Recap

November 30, 1987

- Council approved a resolution adopting the City Budget and making appropriations for the 1987-88 fiscal year.

December 1, 1987

- Voted to support efforts to de-annex the northern most section of Carson from the Compton School District and annex it into the Los Angeles Unified School District.
- Voted to support the concept of a satellite municipal court in Carson and directed staff to study the matter and prepare a report for Council.

December 7, 1987

- Carson Redevelopment Agency voted to award a 6.2 million dollar contract for construction of Veterans Park. Project to begin in near future.
- Passed ordinance to establish zoning regulations for cargo container storage facilities.

## The City Of Carson's Year In Review

1987 was an exciting and productive year for the City of Carson. Besides the individual accomplishments of so many city residents, City government produced a variety of services for the good of the community.

**PARKS AND RECREATION** had its usual busy year in 1987. Special events included the Annual Anniversary Celebration, Cultural Fair, Miss Carson Pageant, the Fine Arts Day Camp, The Carson Symphony, Los Caballeros Youth Band, Young Life Singers, Children's Playbox Theatre, the Tiny Tot programs (including the 1987 Mini-Olympics), and the many, many fine excursions to such places as Las Vegas, Tijuana and San Diego.

**SENIORS** had a wide range of programs from which to choose, such as the Dial-A-Taxi program, the Friendly Visitor program, and one of 1987's highlights, Carson's hosting of the California Senior Legislature Candidates Forum and the election of Carson's first Senior Assemblyman.

Other **SPECIAL EVENTS** in Carson included the 4th of July Spectacular, Boxing Dinner Shows, Mardi Gras Celebration, Annual Country Western Fair, the Jazz Festival, Cinco de Mayo, Mexican Independence Day, Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King, Winter Holiday Festival, Asian Pacific Islander Day, Culture in Black Festival, Halloween carnivals at two park sites and the Samoan Athletes in Action/Youth Sports Clinic.



Gospel singers such as "The Nicholas Family" captioned will appear at Carson's 4th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Jan. 16 from noon to 5 p.m. at Avalon Park.

Even though the stock market this year was highly volatile, reserves maintained by the City and Redevelopment Agency were invested wisely, resulting in substantial returns.

Reserves increased by nearly \$15 million and an additional \$4 million were transferred to the General Fund to pay for needed City services.

**THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**, made up of three divisions, redevelopment, planning and building and safety responsibilities also reports accomplishments for last year.

The department continued careful in-depth zoning studies related to industrial activities; sponsored the Arbor Day program, planting trees in City parks; sponsored an anti-litter program and promoted the annual Carson Beautiful program to recognize the homes and buildings which improve the beauty of the city.

**REDEVELOPMENT** is taking a more and more active role in the City. The new Carson Ibis Hotel and office complex broke ground in September of 1987. The project will consist of a seven story, 225-room hotel and 120,000 square foot office building adjacent to the Carson Community Building. The complex will result in additional revenues to the City and create over 200 new jobs.

**THE VETERANS PARK** site is in the final stages of cleanup. After the City discovered hazardous waste in the soil, they moved immediately to excavate and clean the soil. On December 7, 1987, the Council awarded a \$6.2 million contract for construction of the park facility.

**MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS** on City streets were completed during 1987, including Gardena Blvd.,

Wilmington, Main Street at 223rd Street, and curb, gutter and sidewalk improvements at 219th and Moneta.

Also, Sepulveda Boulevard was rebuilt between the Harbor Freeway and Main Street, the largest public works project taken on by the City last year.



Sepulveda Blvd. reconstruction — from Harbor Freeway to Main St. — \$835,000 project.

Project included street resurfacing, landscaping of medians, new street lighting and sidewalks.

**THE SERVICE REQUEST DESK**, which is the City's central locale for people with questions about services, handled over 1,850 calls from residents.

**THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SECTION** was the lead departments in preparing the new Multi-Hazard Functional Plan for this area of Los Angeles County, which is made up of 28 cities.

After such an eventful year in 1987, one might expect a year of rest. But 1988 promises to be just as exciting a year for Carson!

## Sheriff's Department Says Thanks

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the City of Carson would like to thank the many people who participated in their annual Family Assistance Program in December. Special thanks go to:

City employees who helped out after hours:

Joyce Cagaanan  
Louis Lusero  
Barbara South  
Cotton Stowe

Contributing companies:

Eldem Office Supplies  
Mattel Inc.  
Link & Pan

Local 7-11 store  
El Rancho Grande  
Advanced Contractors  
Versa Fab  
Taylor Brothers Stair Co.

Organizations:

Carson Lions Club  
City of Carson Employee Association  
Women of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff's Department  
Inmates of the Sybil Brand Institute

Without the assistance of these many businesses and individuals, the program would not exist.

# THE CARSON REPORT

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## Carson's Newest Councilmember John H. Anderson: A True Civic Servant

#2



Carson's newest Councilmember, John Anderson, is no stranger to serving the community: he's been volunteering his athletic, musical and social talents to Carson Seniors for over 19 years.

A tennis pro, the 70-year old Councilman gives lessons to Seniors through the recreation depart-

ment and he is said to give private lessons "to any young person who asks" at Bixby Knolls, his local court.

Anderson is also an accomplished pianist. Of course, he has also donated this special talent to the Seniors of Carson, often delivering performances to local Senior groups.

His administrative experience with the City of Carson includes planning and supervising special events, organizing numerous Senior Citizen recreation programs and serving on the Parks and Recreation Commission. As recognition for his many years of public service, the Councilman was also nominated for the John Anson Ford Award for outstanding volunteer work with senior citizens.

Councilman Anderson retired from his 15-year career as a real estate manager at Trust Properties in 1981. He previously worked for Security Pacific Bank and the federal government, but there was a time when Anderson had to make a difficult decision between playing football with the New York Black Bombers and using his college degree towards a conventional job. Anderson chose the latter.

"At that time, I wanted a secure job and a chance to use my education," he said.

But his athletic exploits have not gone unnoticed. Councilman Anderson's alma mater, Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, inducted him into its Athletic Hall of Fame. Recalling his days as "the O.J. Simpson of my class," Anderson stated, "One of the most valuable lessons I learned back then was to take the ball and not run over my opponent, but to run around him...I believe we should be students and athletes all of our lives."

Councilman Anderson was appointed by the Carson City Council to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Tom Mills. Councilman Mills passed away last April.

## Neighborhood Watch Expo To Feature Protection Tips

Personal, home and business protection will be the topic of a free Neighborhood Watch fair to be held June 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Carson Community Center.

Sponsored by the Sheriff's Station and the City of Carson, the event will include displays and demonstrations on such topics as missing children, bicycle safety and licensing and safety for the elderly and disabled. Tips about building security, burglary prevention, false alarms and home and business security inspections will also be offered.

The Sheriff's Department will have displays and demonstrations of some of its programs, such as the SWAT (Special Weapons Team) and K-9's (Police Dogs). Visitors will be able to get a first-hand look at some of the Sheriff and Fire Departments'

equipment, including a chance to ride in the Fire Department's snorkel lift.

The "WeTip" display will have information on drugs, toxic crime, and crimes against children and Seniors.

Free hot dogs, popcorn, soft drinks will be served and special prizes will be given away to promote the safety programs.

Entertainment for the event will include the Carson Clowners, the Senior's band, the Young Life Singers, Los Caballeros Youth Band, Polynesian fire dancers and ventriloquist act, Williams & Co.

The event will be held outside of the Community Center which is located at 801 E. Carson Street. For more information call the Community Center at 835-0212.

## Troubleshooter

Each month this section of the newsletter will deal with a frequently asked question fielded by the staff at the City's Service Request Desk or will highlight important new information which might be of interest to the general public.

### Question:

What noises are considered "unnecessary" under the City ordinance and after what hour is it unlawful to produce these noises?

### Answer:

Unnecessary noises are sounds which are so harsh, prolonged or physically annoying that they cause discomfort to persons in the general area where the noise is being made. Some noises that fall under these specifications are stereos, televisions sets, band rehearsals, loudspeakers and amplifiers, engines and motors, animals, construction devices or simply yelling and shouting.

In general, these noises are prohibited between the hours of 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. But some, like an incessantly barking dog or person shouting obscene language, are always prohibited and may result in a citation to the person responsible. Some sounds, like that of advertising loudspeakers and construction machinery, must cease by 9 p.m.

## Local Runner Finishes 79th In L.A. Marathon



Local Runner Martin Morino finished 79th out of more than 17,000 runners participating in the recent Los Angeles Marathon. Morino is a student at Cal-State University, Dominguez Hills and is a management trainee at J.C. Penney's. At a recent council meeting, Mr. Morino was honored for his outstanding achievement. Pictured from left to right are: Front row, Mayor Kay Calas, Martin Morino and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Mitoma. Back row, Councilwoman Sylvia Muise and Councilwoman Vera Robles DeWitt.

**The Service Request Desk**  
is a clearing house for  
any questions residents  
may have regarding the  
City of Carson.

If you are in need of a  
particular service or would  
like more information  
regarding this issue,  
please call  
830-7600, ext. 320.



## City Seeks A Few Good People

APPLY NOW FOR SEATS  
ON CITY COMMISSIONS  
AND COMMITTEES

The City of Carson is now seeking citizens interested in becoming involved in local government as members of various commissions and committees.

Applications may be obtained at City Hall in the City Clerk's office.

All applications will be retained for consideration as vacancies occur during the year.

Service on commissions carries a \$35 stipend, but those who sit on committees and boards do so on a volunteer basis. Carson residency and voter registration is required for membership on all commissions.

The following groups are seeking members:

### COMMISSIONS:

- Planning
- Parks And Recreation
- Environmental
- Fine Arts And History
- Human Resources

### COMMITTEES:

- Anniversary
- Citywide Advisory
- Economic Development
- Public Relations

### BOARDS:

- Mobile Home Rent Review
- Relocation Appeals

More information may be obtained by contacting Helen Kawagoe at the City Clerk's office (830-7600).

## Young Gymnast Chosen For USA Junior National Team



*At a recent meeting of the Carson City Council, gymnast Lily Garcia received a proclamation from the City in honor of her athletic achievement. Pictured from left to right are; Back row, Sylvia Muise, Councilwoman; John Anderson, Councilman and Vera Robles DeWitt, Councilwoman, Front row, Lily Garcia, gymnast and Michael Mitoma, Mayor Pro Tem.*

Lily Garcia, an outstanding 13-year old gymnast from Carson, was recently chosen to compete on the USA Junior National Rhythmic Gymnastics Team.

Gymnasts for the 8-girl team were chosen at a grueling 2-day competition in Marin County. Lily is California State and Regional Hoop Champion. This will be her first international competition.

Lily trains for 4 hours a day; five days a week. Locally, she is on the West Coast Waves Team which is coached by Jolie Barretta and Sandi Conley at Studio West in Palos Verdes. Also chosen from the Waves to compete with Lily, was Franca Abbatiello. Recently, Lily and Franca performed at the Compton Library.

Other performances for Lily in-

clude several cable T.V. programs, and the USA/USSR Exhibition at UCLA. According to Lily, performing at UCLA was particularly exciting because it gave her the opportunity to perform with top US and Soviet gymnasts, several of whom will be going to the Olympics. Lily, herself, is too young for the Olympics this year—but who knows about 1992?

Meanwhile Lily is concentrating on just having fun and getting the most out of gymnastics. "Rhythmic Gymnastics helps me feel creative and good about myself," she said. Her only goals for the moment are to have "high scores and clean routines," which should help her when she competes in the Nationals.

## Fourth Of July Spectacular To Be Held At Dominguez Hills

A Fourth of July show sponsored by the City of Carson will be held at 5 p.m. in the Velodrome at Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The program will start off with bicycle races and exhibitions by various youth and professional organizations. The Carson-Dominguez Hills Symphony orchestra led by Dr. Frances Steiner will then perform from 8 p.m. through the duration of the fireworks show which begins at approximately 9 p.m.

Free tickets and bus transportation will be provided by the City. For tickets and bus schedules contact City Hall or your neighborhood park.

For more information call  
Parks and Recreation at  
830-7600, ext. 225.

## Remodeling Of City Hall To Be Completed in Mid-August

Remodeling of Carson City Hall should be completed by the middle of August, according to Howard Homan, Director of Parks and Recreation.

The improvements include addition of a new South Wing, painting inside and out, a new air-conditioning and electrical system, and an updated security system.

The building's interior will have new wall covering, new carpet and new paint in both the council chambers and offices.

## Resident Receives Medal Of Merit



*Pictured from left to right are Front Row: Mayor Kay Calas, Jason Carroll and Mayor Pro Tem Michael Mitoma. Back Row: Councilwoman Sylvia Muise and Councilwoman Vera Robles DeWitt.*

Only on rare occasions does the City of Carson award its highest tribute, The Medal of Merit. This Medal is often awarded to people who have endangered their own lives to help others. Recently, The Council presented this award to Jason Carroll.

On March 15, Jason Carroll was visiting at the Paradise Trailer Lodge when a nearby mobile home was engulfed in flames. Upon hearing a child's scream through a window in the home, Mr. Carroll smashed the window in an attempt to

rescue the child. The heat was too intense, however. Mr. Carroll then entered through a sliding door, where he discovered an elderly woman lying unconscious near the entryway. As he carried the unconscious woman from the burning home, the child jumped to safety through the window broken by Carroll, earlier.

Through the heroic efforts of Jason Carroll, Mrs. Concepcion Bristol and her 3-year-old great grandson were saved from a certain death.

## Free Job Training, Placement Offered

Free job training and placement is being offered by PIC works, a network of the Private Industry Councils of the cities of Carson, Lomita and Torrance.

Membership to the program is free and the only eligibility requirements are that participants be laid off, unemployed or underemployed and economically disadvantaged. Residency in the sponsoring cities

is also a requirement.

Members will receive training in such areas as word processing, automotive repair and electronic assembly and may participate in job search workshops, skills testing and on-the-job training.

For membership applications or more information visit PIC works at 21818 S. Wilmington #408 or call 830-3630.

## City Of Carson Holds Annual Art Show



Artist Edgar Buocree displays his technique of "pointillism" during a demonstration at the show.



Residents attending the May 6 Artfest gaze intently at one of the many fine pieces of work displayed.

Over 100 local artists were showcased in "Art Fest 88" held in the Carson Community Center. A champagne reception started off the annual event which featured entertainment by harpist Howard Rich's Saturday Night Bath, Johnny Blaylock's combo, singer Mary Nelson and harpist Lisel Erman.

The artists displayed over 400 pieces which were judged by faculty

from Cal State Dominguez Hills, El Camino and Harbor Colleges. The work, which included oil, acrylic, and watercolor painting; charcoal sketching; sculpture and ceramics was judged in 11 different categories with a total of 44 awards given to outstanding artists.

Helen Bell, Assistant Coordinator of Senior Recreation at the Community Center, estimated total vis-

itor attendance at the event to be well over 450 people. Pieces were offered for sale or visitors, like students in Carson elementary and junior high art classes, could just admire the work that the South Bay artists had to offer.

"It was a great success," Bell said. "And we expect it to be even bigger next year."

## Ibis Hotel Brings "Taste Of France" To Carson



"French Flair Comes To Carson" will be the theme of the grand opening of the Ibis Hotel now under construction in Carson.

The grand opening is scheduled for the first two weeks in September, with entertainment and gala events to be announced.

In addition to its 225 rooms, the Ibis will have 3,000 square feet of banquet space, with 200 person occupancy. The hotel will also fea-

ture two restaurants for dining and entertainment pleasure: Le Restaurant with authentic French cuisine and Claudine's Lounge with live music and dancing.

The hotel will be close to the new Carson Community Center which will accommodate larger parties for banquets and conventions. For more information about the opening of the hotel, itself, call the Ibis at (213) 830-9200.

# City Calendar

All events are in City Hall unless otherwise noted.

June 15  
7:00 p.m. Human Resources Commission

7:30 p.m. Sister City Committee, (Comm. Center)

June 16  
7:00 p.m. Rose Float Association, (Comm. Center)

7:00 p.m. Citywide Advisory Committee

June 18  
10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Neighborhood Watch Expo, (Community Center Parking Lot)

June 21  
6:00 p.m. City Council

7:00 p.m. Redevelopment Agency

June 22  
6:30 p.m. Mobile Home Park Rent Review Board

June 23  
6:30 p.m. Parks & Recreation Commission

June 28  
7:00 p.m. Planning Commission

July 4  
5:00 p.m. Fourth of July Spectacular, (Velodrome, Cal State Dominguez Hills) (City Hall Closed)

July 5  
6:00 p.m. City Council

7:00 p.m. Redevelopment Agency

July 6  
7:00 p.m. Environmental Commission

July 7  
noon Economic Development

July 11  
7:00 p.m. Fine Arts & Historical Comm.

July 12  
7:00 p.m. Planning Commission

noon Public Relations Committee, (Comm. Center)

July 13  
6:30 p.m. Mobile Home Park Rental Review Board

July 19  
6:00 p.m. City Council

7:00 p.m. Redevelopment Agency

July 20  
7:00 p.m. Human Resources Commission

7:30 p.m. Sister City Committee, (Comm. Center)

7-8:30 p.m. Rabies Clinic, (City Hall Parking Lot)



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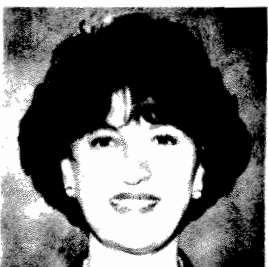
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## Trouble Shooter

Each month this section of the newsletter will deal with a frequently asked question fielded by the staff at the City's Service Request Desk, or will highlight important new information which might be of interest to the general public.

### QUESTION:

How many and what breeds of animals are city residents able to keep at their homes?

### ANSWER:

The following list includes which type of animals and how many of each are allowed in a family residence.

- Cats
- Dogs
- Tropical Fish
- No more than 20 white mice
- No more than any three of the following:

Canaries	Marmoset Monkeys
Chinchillas	Pigeons
Chipmunks	Rabbits
Finches	Ravens
Gopher	Monkeys
Snakes	Squirrel Monkeys
Guinea Pigs	Toucans
Hamsters	Turtles
Hawks	White Doves
King Snakes	

The service request desk is a clearing house for any questions residents may have regarding the City of Carson. If you are in need of a particular service the City has to offer or would like more information regarding this issue please call 830-7600, ext. 320.

## Carson Job-Hunters Get Lucky

Are you ready to return to the workforce but find that you don't have the technical skills? Do you just need to brush up on your typing? Or maybe you have the skills but just can't find the right opening?

The Job Training Center, located at 21818 Wilmington in Carson, may be the answer to your problems.

This special program is jointly sponsored by the cities of Carson, Torrance and Lomita, and has been in existence since 1983. Carson's fourth year of participation in the federal program, which is called the Private Industry Council, was again recognized as one of the most effective programs in the nation. The Private Industry Council's efforts in the program results in the placement of youths in summer jobs with local firms and has registered an estimated 800 youths for the program.

The Job Training Center's purpose is to teach new job skills to low-income people, dislocated workers, displaced homemakers and those with employment barriers. The Center offers vocational training in the classroom in many different areas, such as electronics and computer skills. They then assist participants in finding jobs that match their new job skills. By working with area companies, administrators are often able to place their graduates in well-paid jobs.

The Job Training Center points with pride to the fact that participants have a 70% employment rate after some training, at an average wage of \$8.09.

Enrollment in this program is limited. Interested residents should call 830-3630.

## Carson Cleans Up City With Graffiti Abatement Program

Last summer, the Carson City Council began a new program to remove graffiti from City-owned and private property. Known as the Graffiti Abatement Program, this innovative idea allows City maintenance workers and private citizens to work together to clean up Carson.

The City's Graffiti Abatement Crew is responsible for removing graffiti from walls, fences, and buildings which are adjacent to or facing a public sidewalk or street. The City will also provide, *at no charge to residents*, a gallon of paint and a roller or brush so that residents may remove graffiti from their own property.

The City Crew works in seven graffiti maintenance zones throughout Carson in a sequential order, and completes work in one zone before moving on to the next zone. You may contact Pete Mendoza at 830-7600, extension 385, to find out when the crew will be in your area, or for more information on the Graffiti Abatement Program.

## The Carson 20th Anniversary Committee Is Looking For Historic Photos

As part of the City's 20th Anniversary activities, the Anniversary Committee is planning to assemble a photo history of the City's last 20 years. A photo display of people and events important to Carson's history will be unveiled at the Anniversary Ball, February 27, 1988.

If you have photos of events pertaining to the last 20 years of the City's history and would like to lend them to the Anniversary Committee as part of the display, please contact the Public Information Office at 830-7600, ext. 315.

## City Adopts 1987-88 Fiscal Budget

The Carson City Council, after numerous public hearings and workshops, has adopted the City's budget for fiscal year 1987-88.

Funds come from a variety of sources, including revenues from local taxes, state and federal funds, and "users fees" such as business licenses. Carson will receive additional assis-

tance under new legislation passed by the State Legislature which allocates money to no- and low-tax cities such as Carson, which shares its revenue base with the County of Los Angeles.

The total of all of Carson's budgets is \$29,368,337, which includes the General Fund Operating Budget of \$25,364,126. Other budgets total \$4,004,211.

## January Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall unless otherwise noted.

January 1	New Year's Day — City Hall Closed	January 12 7 p.m.	Planning Commission	January 19 6 p.m.	City Council
January 5 6 p.m.	City Council	noon	Public Relations Committee <i>Community Center</i>	7:30 p.m.	Redevelopment Agency
7:30 p.m.	Redevelopment Agency	January 13 6:30 p.m.	Mobile Home Park Rent Review Board	January 20 7 p.m.	Human Resources Commission
January 6 7 p.m.	Environmental Commission	January 14 6:30 p.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Filing opens for City Council	7:30 p.m.	Sister City Committee <i>Community Center</i>
January 7 noon	Economic Development Committee <i>Community Center</i>	January 16 Noon— 5 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Tribute Avalon Park	January 21 7 p.m.	Rose Float Association <i>Community Center</i>
January 11 7 p.m.	Fine Arts & Historical Commission	January 18	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, Holiday— City Hall Closed	7 p.m.	Citywide Advisory Committee

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